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LCO No. 4426

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE FEE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-7j of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) Not later than September 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the
4 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with
5 the Commissioner of Public Health, shall (1) determine the amount
6 appropriated for the following purposes: (A) To purchase, store and
7 distribute vaccines for routine immunizations included in the schedule
8 for active immunization required by section 19a-7f; (B) to purchase,
9 store and distribute (i) vaccines to prevent hepatitis A and B in persons
10 of all ages, as recommended by the schedule for immunizations
11 published by the National Advisory Committee for Immunization
12 Practices, (ii) antibiotics necessary for the treatment of tuberculosis and
13 biologics and antibiotics necessary for the detection and treatment of
14 tuberculosis infections, and (iii) antibiotics to support treatment of
15 patients in communicable disease control clinics, as defined in section
16 19a-216a; and (C) to provide services needed to collect up-to-date

17 information on childhood immunizations for all children enrolled in
18 Medicaid who reach two years of age during the year preceding the
19 current fiscal year, to incorporate such information into the childhood
20 immunization registry, as defined in section 19a-7h, and (2) inform the
21 Insurance Commissioner of such amount.

22 (b) (1) Each domestic insurer or health care center doing life
23 insurance or health insurance business in this state shall annually pay
24 to the Insurance Commissioner, for deposit in the General Fund, a
25 health and welfare fee assessed by the Insurance Commissioner
26 pursuant to this section. Each pharmaceutical company doing business
27 in this state shall annually pay to the Secretary of the Office of Policy
28 and Management, for deposit in the General Fund, a health and
29 welfare fee assessed by the secretary pursuant to this section.

30 (2) Not later than October 1, 2003, the Insurance Commissioner shall
31 determine the fee to be assessed against each such domestic insurer or
32 health care center for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. Not later
33 than October 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Insurance
34 Commissioner shall determine the fee to be assessed against each such
35 domestic insurer or health care center for the next fiscal year. Such fee
36 shall be a percentage of the total amount appropriated, as identified in
37 subsection (a) of this section, and shall be calculated on the basis of life
38 insurance premiums and health insurance premiums and subscriber
39 charges in the same manner as calculations under section 38a-48. Not
40 later than November 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Insurance
41 Commissioner shall submit a statement to each such insurer and health
42 care center that includes the proposed fee for the insurer or health care
43 center calculated in accordance with this section. As used in this
44 section, "health insurance" means health insurance, as defined in
45 subdivisions (1) to (13), inclusive, of section 38a-469.

46 (3) Not later than October 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
47 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall determine the
48 fee to be assessed against each pharmaceutical company doing

49 business in this state. Not later than November 1, 2005, and annually
 50 thereafter, the secretary shall submit a statement to each such
 51 pharmaceutical company that includes the proposed fee for the
 52 pharmaceutical company.

53 (c) Any domestic insurer, [or] health care center or pharmaceutical
 54 company aggrieved by an assessment levied under this section may
 55 appeal therefrom in the same manner as provided for appeals under
 56 section 38a-52.

57 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the aggregate
 58 assessment under this section shall not exceed seven million one
 59 hundred thousand dollars. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the
 60 aggregate assessment under this section shall not exceed seven million
 61 one hundred thousand dollars.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2005</i> | 19a-7j |

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that pharmaceutical companies doing business in this state shall be assessed a health and welfare fee in a similar manner as is required for certain insurers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]